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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 13 June 1955

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - May 1955

ADMINISTRATION

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1. ✓ As of 31 May the total personnel on duty was [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED] has replaced [REDACTED] as
FDD placement officer.

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2. ✓ Before the start of the Bond Drive FDD had 19 percent participation in the Payroll Deduction Plan. At the 10 May report date the percentage was 52; on 31 May it was 59.

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4. On 2 May Mr. George G. Carey, ADO, presented [REDACTED] Career Staff Certificates to eligible FDD personnel at a ceremony in [REDACTED]

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3. ✓ 5. All clerk-typist positions in the Division were reclassified from GS-3 to GS-4.

6. An intensive training course in Polish (7 1/2 hours per week) is being conducted in the Division.

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7. On 26 May Chief, FDD attended a meeting called by Col. Richard Park, Jr., of the Rainbow Team, JIC, to consider a G-2 proposal to activate ASDIC. A-2 and ONI were also represented. G-2 urged

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activation largely for the supposed training value of such a group. A-2 and ONI demurred. Chief, FDD, pointed out inconsistencies in the G-2 position. Result of the meeting was to return the proposal for further consideration by G-2 with a suggestion that an Army Document Intelligence Center might be sufficient for the present.

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3. Chief, FDD, briefed [REDACTED] CIA Historian, on the historical development of the Division's organization and function.

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4. [REDACTED] Special Consultant to the DCI, was briefed on 4 May by Chief, FDD, on activities of the Division with special emphasis on operations in the scientific and technical field.

5. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at the Clan-destine Services Review Course No. 5 on 23 May.

6. ✓ 6. Reference to the CTS index prevented 39 cases of duplication totaling 1244 pages; at a conservative translation rate of \$4.00 per page this represents a saving of approximately \$5,000.

7. ✓ 7. The first of three new scheduled reports were issued during the month:

"Monthly Indonesian Press Survey" (Summary)

"Selected Articles from Chinese Communist Periodicals"
(Summary) -- Monthly

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"Monthly Information Report on Afghanistan" [REDACTED]

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8. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

9. ✓ 10. FDD has no facility for the translation of Tibetan at this time. In order to process Tibetan, [REDACTED] has arranged to have such material translated [REDACTED]. This will be rendered into English in FDD.

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11. At the request of OCD, ORR, OCI, DD(P) and DD(I) FDD will translate and publish the 1955 Canton Telephone Directory.

10 ✓ 12. Commendations:

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25X1A From Chief, CIA Watch, for emergency translation performed by [REDACTED] FDD.

25X1A From Chief, Western Division, OCI, for support furnished by [REDACTED] FDD.

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25X6 From Division of Research for Far East, Department of State, for the FDD scheduled publication [REDACTED]

13. Liaison activities:

Department of State

With Division of Biographic Information to discuss, at the instigation of the American Embassy in Moscow, priority procedures for biographic coverage of top Soviet personalities. It was agreed that an FDD analyst would work at BI Division at State for one month to facilitate rapid handling of priority material and to establish regular working procedures for this material.

With Division of Research for Western Europe to review the FDD Western Europe report to clarify needs prior to a program review by the Exploitation Subcommittee.

With Division of Research for the USSR and Eastern Europe to discuss program guidance relative to coverage of Hungarian-language material in scheduled FDD reports and to discuss FDD assistance in the preparation of an NIS study on Yugoslavia. In the course of discussion, exploitation of foreign-language material by the Washington Bureau, Free Europe Press (offices in the Library of Congress) was mentioned; FDD will investigate this operation relative to avoiding duplication.

With Division of Research for Near East, South Asia, and Africa to discuss the FDD information report on Africa with a view to clarification of needs prior to a program review by the Exploitation Subcommittee. Also to discuss a request for translation of Afghani laws.

With Division of Research for Far East to discuss program guidance on the FDD Indonesian information reports and to review DRF interest in Tagalog-language press in the Philippines.

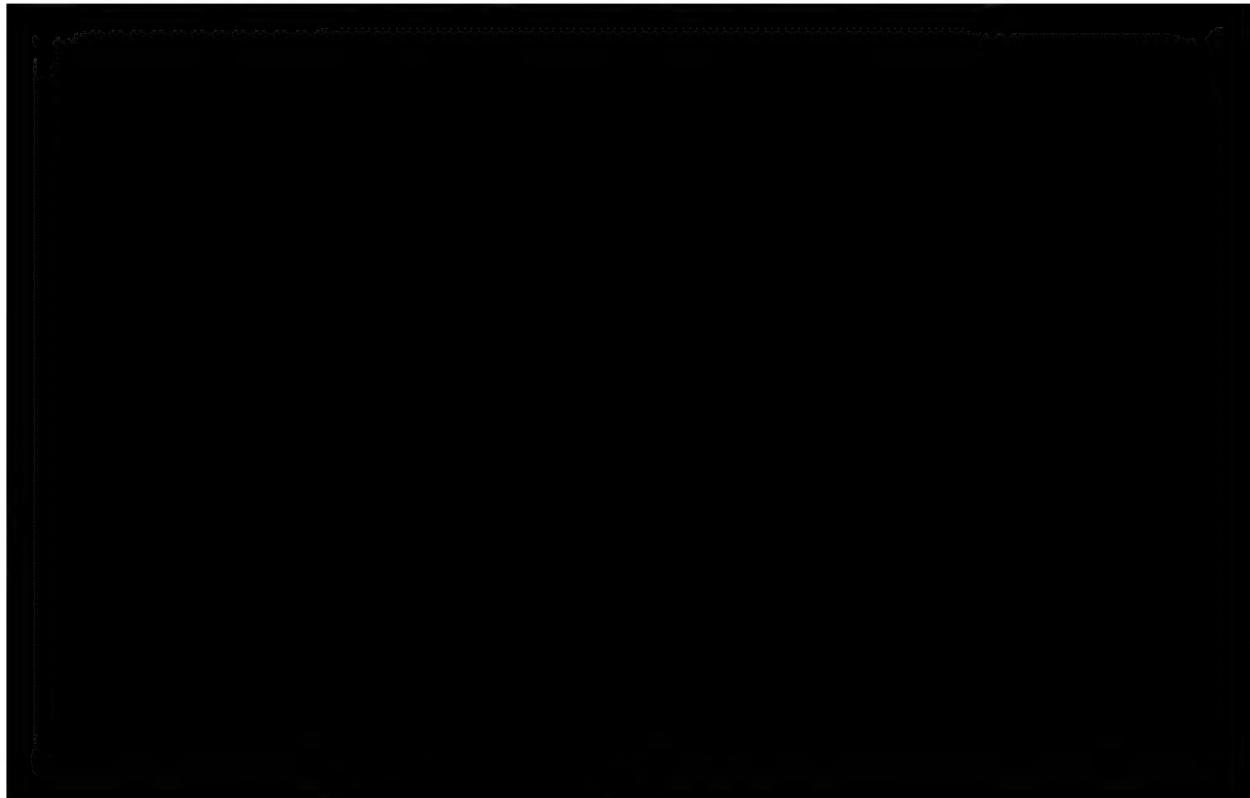
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For TSS: [REDACTED] translated and interpreted Vietnamese-language material and briefed an officer on Vietnamese writing style.

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For Graphics Register: [REDACTED] served as commentator for two Chinese films.

15. Significant reports:

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[REDACTED] -- "USSR Hydrometeorological Service in Stalin Five-Year Plan"

FDD Translation No. 380, 383, 386, 394 -- People's Practical Economic Dictionary: Economic Planning; Communications in China; Industry in China; People's Railways in China.

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Enclosures: 2

1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations

2. Details on Personnel Options

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